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1. WOLIME LACKS ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON JOZSEF PETACH TO STATE VIEWS ON PROPOSED TPLINGO USE AS SENIOR PROGRAMMER. WE HAVE ONLY HIS SHORT STATEMENT TO THE AUSTRIANS WHEN HE REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM, AND THAT STATEMENT RAISES SEVERAL QUESTIONS AS TO THE CREDIBILITY OF HIS STORY. FOR EXAMPLE, WHY AFTER HIS ALLEGED REFUSAL TO WORK FOR THE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WAS HE PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRIA, TO RETURN TO THE USSR, AND AGAIN TO RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AFTER THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES BECAME AWARE OF HIS TRAVEL IN AUSTRIA.

2. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO HIS QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF SENIOR PROGRAMMER. WE PRESUME SOMEONE FROM TPLINGO HAS INTERVIEWED HIM, BUT NO DATA HAS BEEN SUPPLIED REGARDING HOW HE CAME TO TPLINGO'S ATTENTION, WHO HAS TALKED WITH HIM, WHETHER HE HAS BEEN IN ANY WAY TESTED, OR WHETHER HE HAS FILLED OUT A JOB APPLICATION FORM.

3. WE APPRECIATE THE PROBLEM OF HAVING PETACH THOROUGHLY DEBRIEFED AND HIS BONA FIDES ESTABLISHED, SINCE HE HAS NOT BEEN AND PRESUMABLY WILL NOT BE PROCESSED AS A DEFECTOR. YET WE DON'T SEE HOW A CLEARANCE CAN BE GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF THE VERY SKIMPY INFORMATION

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AVAILABLE TO DATE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IF WE REQUEST A CLEARANCE AND ALL OTHER TRACES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE MILITARY SERVICES, ARE NEGATIVE, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT A CLEARANCE CAN BE GRANTED IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF BONA FIDES.

4. WE CAN ONLY SUGGEST THAT MUNICH SUPPLY US WITH A JOB APPLICATION AND WHATEVER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE REGARDING THE POINTS RAISED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A MORE COMPLETE DEBRIEFING WHICH WOULD, HOPEFULLY, SHED MORE LIGHT ON THE TRUTH OR FALSEHOOD OF HIS STORY.

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